

Remarks

The claims have been amended to correct typographical and other errors, and to clarify the subject matter being claimed. The structure in claims 1, 21, and 41 included a mistake. The claims stated that B' is an alkylene bridging moiety, and the ring must include one double bond either within the ring, or between the ring and the bridging moiety. That is, the last sentence of claim 1 states that "subject to the provision that only one dotted line represents a carbon-carbon double bond."

This provision was intended to represent that there would not be adjacent double bonds (that is, where B' is alkylene, only one double bond either within the ring or between the ring and the B' moiety is permitted). However, B' is also intended to be olefinic or acetylenic, as shown in dependent claims 8-10, 15-16, 28-30, 35-36, 48-50, and 55-56, where the bridging moiety B' is defined as ethenyl (claims 8-9, 28-29, and 48-49), ethynyl (claims 10, 30 and 50), ethylenic (claims 15, 35 and 55) or acetylenic (claims 16, 36 and 56). The independent claims have been amended so that the dependent claims are properly dependent.

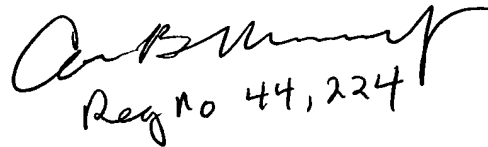
Accordingly, the claims have been amended to specify that B' is alkylenic, alkenylenic, or alkynylenic, and that when B' is alkylenic, only one dotted line represents a carbon-carbon double bond, and when B' is alkenylenic or alkynylenic, no dotted line represents a carbon-carbon double bond. Support for this amendment can be found at least in the nature of the dependent claims (8-10 and 15-16); page 3, lines 24-28; and at page 5, lines 18-21 (stating that "B' represents a suitable bridging moiety ... (e.g., an ethylenic or acetylenic moiety)... [and] [w]hen B' is ethylenic, the compound can have a Z (cis) or E (trans) form...." Support can also be found in the synthetic methods described in the specification. For example, page 10, line 30 through page 11, line 14 describes forming ethenyl bridging moieties using a Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction. This invariably puts the double bond in the B' bridging moiety itself, rather than within the ring or between the ring and B'.

The terms "non-hydrogen substituent" and "substituent having a sigma m value of between about -0.3 to about 0.75" have been clarified by specifying that the substituents are selected from the discrete list of substituents defined in the specification, for example, on page 7,

line 23 through page 8, line 14. The term "ethylenic" has been defined consistent with the definition on page 8, lines 15-25.

This amendment adds no new matter to the claims. It is believed that the claims are currently in condition for examination on the merits. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there any questions regarding the above.

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